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N.B. All the plates marked with CAPITALS, were published in the first Edition of this Work, A.D. 1800, of course since that period, various changes have taken place, by deaths, removals, or change of firms, &c. The latter of which are rectified in the new Plates, (where the respective parties have given notice,) viz. Messrs. Coales, Woolley and Co. Bankers, in plate A. you will *now* find in Plate II. Messrs. Coales, Woolley, Gibbins and Gordon, and in Plate L. Messrs. Yates and Co. Brass Founders, you will *now* find the firm in No. 18. Messrs. Yates, Son, and Hamper.

No. 1. View of the Westminster Life, and Insurance Office, London, with a List of the Directors. J. Gottwaltz, Birmingham Agent.

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20. Card of Bisset's Museum and Public Exhibition.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE very magnificent mode which the Author has adopted to extend the circulation of the respective addresses he has been honored with, having received the sanction and approbation of the Encouragers of the Liberal Arts, and the many respectable Gentlemen, Bankers, Merchants, and Manufacturers, whose names will appear in the work, he requests them to accept his warmest thanks for the confidence they have manifested; and he hopes, in the execution of this design, he has fully justified the opinion which they entertained, "That the work would be, both "useful, elegant, and ornamental."

A nominal Concatenation, alphabetically arranged, and engraved in such a superb manner, will supersede the necessity of gentlemen, &c. issuing their own cards, as, by this means, their names will be more generally known, in conjunction with the most respectable inhabitants of the place; and being concentred in one grand and general focus, they will not be thrown aside like the generality of Cards, but become at once objects of curiosity and consequence, and will, doubtless, be sought after with avidity, by all patronizers of the Liberal Arts.

The Author required no money till the Plates were finished; and the charge for engraving Single Addresses in a general Plate, was 10s. 6d.—Half a Plate, Five Guineas;—or a Whole Plate, Ten Guineas: and various Designs are inserted at One and Two Guineas each. Thus every gentleman had an opportunity of having his address inserted in the work at whatever price he pleased; and, by paying for the engraving, it has enabled the Author to lay a magnificent work before the Public for only 5s. which, otherwise, must have cost nearly 50.

About eight years ago, the Author first published those plates in the BIRMINGHAM DIRECTORY, marked A. B. and C. to the letter X.; which being highly approved of, there were a great many applications for the insertion of addresses from *the most eminent commercial houses in the kingdom.* The distinguished patronage Mr. Bisset was honored with induced him to put immediately to press, on the same magnificent plan,

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GRAND NATIONAL DIRECTORY;

OR

Literary and Commercial Ichnography:

Comprising the Names, Professions, and Places of Residence, of Subscribers, superbly engraved in elegant and emblematic copperplates, which are now publishing in periodical Numbers, at 2s. 6d. each, every Number containing six beautiful Prints. The Directors of the BRITISH FIRE, AND WESTMINSTER LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETIES, and the Directors and Trustees of the PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE, in London, were among the first that favored

Mr. B. with their patronage; and specimens of the Work being laid before HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, he was honored with permission to dedicate the

Grand National Directory
TO THE HEIR APPARENT!

And the first Number of the work was embellished with a bust of the ROYAL PATRON.

In the subsequent Numbers, various beautiful allegorical devices were finished in an elegant style; and, that the Public may form some idea of the grandeur of the work, the Author begs leave to present them with the following List of a few of the Plates, which have already appeared, viz.

Superb Card for Leeds, a beautiful Figure supporting a List of eminent Manufacturers.

Fancy, selecting the choicest Works of the Muses, and directing the Arts for their Embellishment.

View of the Castle and Borough of Warwick, with a List of Gentlemen of various Professions.

View of Dundee, in two separate Designs, with the Names of eminent Merchants, Bleachers, &c.

Twenty-four miscellaneous Cards, fancifully arranged.

An elegant and emblematic Design for the Royal Bank of Scotland, with a List of the Governors, Directors, &c.

Three Plates of eminent Wool-staplers, Leeds; with a View of the Bridge, Wharfs, &c.

Emblematic Design for a Merchant and Manufactnrer of Arbroath, with a Vignette of the Abbey.

An allegorical Figure for the Commercial Banking Company of Dundee.

View of the Tontine and Trongate, Glasgow, with a List of eminent Mercers and Drapers, &c.

Four elegant emblematic Devices, for Merchants and Manufacturers in Dundee.

Several grand emblematic Designs, with Lists of eminent Booksellers in London; and Busts of *Chaucer*, *Shakespear*, *Pope*, and *Dr. Johnson*.

Three Plates with picturesque Views, and Lists of the principal Bankers, Tradesmen, Manufacturers, &c. in Wolverhampton.

A View of Flight and Barr's Royal China Manufactory, at Worcester.

Two Views of the City, and Cathedral of Lichfield, with Lists of eminent Tradesmen, &c.

Exclusive of upwards of Sixty Plates, with the Addresses of the most eminent of every Profession in BIRMINGHAM.

Superb Plates are now in the hands of the most eminent artists, for *Manchester*, *Nottingham*, *Sheffield*, *Oxford*, *Worcester*, and *Coventry*;—also for the Sea-Ports of *Liverpool*, *Bristol*, and *Hull*. And Specimens of the Work may be seen at the principal Booksellers' in every City and Town in the Imperial Kingdoms.

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Written for the first Edition, and fully verified in many Instances.

THIS Book will doubtless soon its way explore,
And find a welcome on each FOREIGN shore;
Sans doute, through EUROPE will, in time, be spread,
And by COLUMBIANS be with pleasure read.
Its *novelty* may strike,—perhaps it may,
In time, reach BORNEO, PEKIN, or BOMBAY:*
At either INDIA will, perhaps, be found,
Or at KAMSCHATKA seen, or NOOTKA SOUND.
Ev'n KINGS† and PRINCES here may deign to look,
Or smiles of BRITISH BEAUTIES grace the book.
My LEARNED COUNTRYMEN, and SAGES rare,
The whole design, perhaps, may scan with care:
And whilst each TROPHIED EMBLEM they peruse,
May feel half tempted to forgive the Muse:
Nay, FOREIGN MERCHANTS, who my Book look o'er,
To view this PLACE, may quit their Native Shore:
And, when "THE TOY-SHOP OF THE WORLD"‡ they see,
May own (O! vain surmise) *'twas all through me.*
In regions yet unknown, or lands remote,
The NATIVES thus may hear of VULCAN's spot:
And, whilst, with wonder, they each print survey,
'Twill some idea of the place convey;
For while, with rapture fraught, they *this* explore,
And view such sights as ne'er were seen before,
Some CIRCUMNAVIGATORS may, ere long,
Hear BIRMINGHAM extoll'd in SAVAGE SONG:
For when some progress in the ARTS they've made,
Can tell who form'd the HOE, the AXE, the SPADE;
Or when their great utility they feel,
And learn the use of IRON and of STEEL,
In extacy may cry, enrapt with wonder,
'Dese English make de GUNS, dat roar like tunder:
'De TRINKEY TOY, de SWORD, de LANCE, de SPEAR,
'All dat be grand, and BIR—MING—HAM be dere.
'O! ENGLAN, be fine Place—de PICKININNEY
'Be glad go see—where White-man make de GUINEA.'

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* Many hundred copies have been sent abroad, and many manufacturers have received considerable orders, in consequence of the Work having been taken in at Hamburgh, and other cities on the Continent.

† An elegant copy (of the *first edition*) of this superb Work was presented to His MAJESTY, who was most graciously pleased to express HIMSELF "*highly gratified with the novelty and elegance of the Publication!*"

‡ BIRMINGHAM—emphatically styled, "The Toy-Shop of the World."

A

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

OF

BIRMINGHAM.

THE town of Birmingham is situate in the N. W. angle of Warwickshire, bordering on the counties of Worcester and Stafford. It is first noticed in history, as the Roman Station *Bremenium*,* and subsequently recorded in Domesday Book (A. D. 1086) under the name of *Bermingham*;† which name, with only a slight orthographical variation, it has retained to the present day; though, by vulgar pronunciation, called *Brumidgham*. Its comparative importance with other towns in the county, in former times, may be guessed at, from the following assessments:—

Armed Men, *Furnished for the Wars*, 20 *Edw. III. A. D.* 1346.‡	
Coventry	40
Warwick	6
Stratford-on-Avon	4
Tamworth	4
Birmingham	4
Alcester	3
Coleshill	2

Ship Money, 11 *Charles I. A. D.* 1635.§	
	£
Coventry	266
Warwick	100
Birmingham	100
Sutton Coldfield	80
Stratford-on-Avon	50

Cutlers, Smiths, Loriners (Bit Makers), and Nailors, inhabited Birmingham in the reign of Henry VIII. when the industrious antiquary, Leland,‖ visited this "*Queen of the sounding anvil*;"** but the æra of William and Mary appears to have given stability and root to the tree of commerce, which has ever since flourished (and long may it continue to flourish!) beyond the power of rivalry.

* Richard of Cirencester—Iter X. † Domesday, fol. 243. ‡ Rymer, Fœdera, tom. V.——In the 48th of Geo. III. the number of Loyal Birmingham Volunteers exceeded 1800 men, all armed and accoutred at their own expence, independent of militia men. § Rymer's Fœdera, tom. XIX. ‖ Leland's Itin. vol. IV. part 2, fol. 186, b. ** Jago's Edge Hill, a Poem.

☞ The hints relative to the ancient state of Birmingham, were kindly communicated by Wm. Hamper, Esq. to whom the Author embraces this opportunity of returning his grateful acknowledgments.

Modern Birmingham (including its hamlets) is a large handsome Town, spreading itself over one considerable hill, and has now reached the summit of two others, extending over a space of upwards of 2000 square acres.

The Streets are spacious, Buildings neat and clean,
As in a Trading Town were ever seen;
And Fifteen Thousand Houses here you'll find,
With twice Ten Thousand Shops arrang'd behind.
Where whirling Lathes, and Stamps' tremendous sound,
With tinkling Hammers are in concert found.
Whilst Shops in front assume a nobler grace,
Deck'd with the various wonders of the place.
The Streets are pav'd, 'tis true, but all the stones
Are set the wrong end up, in shape of cones;
And Strangers limp along the best-pav'd street,
As if parch'd peas were strew'd beneath their feet,
Whilst custom makes the Natives scarcely feel
Sharp pointed pebbles press the toe or heel.

The present population consists of about 80,000 souls.—There are four Squares in the Town. A beautiful Crescent is begun building. We have upwards of 300 Streets, and above 600 Courts.

The town is happily free from chartered institutions (being open for all the sons of industry who wish to display their genius in the Toy-shop of Europe) which has contributed greatly not only to the increase of the buildings, but also to its trade and manufactures. The civil government is entrusted to two Bailiffs, two Constables (with one for the hamlet of Deritend), a Headborough, and other inferior officers, who are chosen annually at the Court Leet of the Manor. Several highly respectable Magistrates attend gratuitously at the Public Office every Monday and Thursday, and are entitled to peculiar praise for the services rendered to their townsmen. There is a Court of Requests for the recovery of any sum under 5l. The Commissioners (who act also without fee or reward) attend the Court every Friday, and very often upwards of 100 causes are determined in the short space of three hours!

The annual Fairs are held on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, in the Whitsuntide week, and on the first Thursday in October, and the two following days. The Market days are on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, in every week, which are well supplied. Fruit and excellent vegetables are brought from the Vale of Evesham, as also from the adjacent counties. Fine Severn salmon comes from the West, and all kinds of fresh fish from the East, South, and North coasts.

The town lies nearly in the centre of the kingdom, and the approach to it, on almost every side, is by ascent; it has a fine appearance, and looks like a vast amphitheatre. As it lies on an eminence, it is free from damps, and no place can be more highly favoured with two of the greatest blessings attendant on human existence, viz. fine water and a salubrious air.

The Public Buildings, &c. may be thus enumerated, viz.

Two Parish Churches,—St. Martin's,* and St. Philip's,† (with an elegant Free Church now building).

Five Chapels, viz. St. Paul's, St. Mary's, St. Bartholomew's, St. John's and Ashted,‡

Two Catholic Chapels.

Eighteen Dissenting Meeting Houses.

The Jews' Synagogue.

The General Hospital.
The Dispensary.
The Blue Coat Charity School. } §

The Public Office, in Moor Street.

The Free School, founded by King Edward VI. in the fifth year of his reign. *See plate* V.

The Birmingham Fire Office, for a view of which see plate I.

The Barracks, at Ashted.

The Theatre Royal, New Street, (generally open four months in the summer).

The Post Office, ditto.

The Panorama, ditto.

The Brass Houses. See Plates L. and No. 18.

There are three very extensive public Breweries, viz.

Warstone-Lane Porter Brewery, belonging to Messrs. Forest and Sons. See Plate, No. 15, for a View of the Works, &c.

The Britannia Brewery, near Walmer-Lane, by Messrs. Lloyd, Clay, Barrs, and Co. And

The Brewery in Deritend, belonging to Messrs. Goddington and Co.

Two Public Libraries:—the first established in 1779: the other in 1796, to which any stranger may be introduced by a subscriber.‖

The town is graced with several excellent Inns, the principal of which are, the Royal Hotel, Temple Row; the Hen and Chickens Hotel, in New Street; the Swan and the Castle Inns,

* St. Martin's is a very ancient church, with one of the most beautiful spires in the kingdom. This church has an excellent peal of twelve bells, and a very musical set of chimes. For a distant view of the steeple, see Magnificent Directory, plate D.

† St. Philip's is one of the handsomest churches and church-yards in England; it is situated on an eminence, and commands a beautiful and extensive prospect. The public walks around it are planted with double rows of trees. See plate H.

‡ Ashted is a new-built hamlet adjoining the town, having a very neat chapel; the Barracks are situate there, near to which are Vauxhall Gardens, about a mile from the centre of the town of Birmingham.

§ These noble institutions are supported by annual subscriptions and voluntary contributions.

‖ There is also a Medical and Law Library, besides numerous Book Societies.

in the High-Street; the Dog, in the Bull Ring; and the George, in Digbeth:—as also, the Shakespeare Tavern, opposite the Post Office; and the Stork Tavern, in the Square.*

Birmingham derives considerable advantages from its Navigable Canals, whereby the expence of land-carriage is much lessened, and the heavy articles are conveyed at a very trifling charge. The first Navigation was opened in the year 1769, but has, since that time, been greatly extended, having now a communication with nearly all the principal Canals in the kingdom.†

London Coaches start daily from the Hen and Chickens and Swan, Hotels; also from the Saracen's Head and Dog Inns; and there are mail and other coaches from some of the aforesaid offices to all the principal cities and towns in the kingdom.—The Sheffield mail sets off at nine o'clock, the Manchester and Liverpool mails, at ten A. M.; the Shrewsbury at one; the London mail, from the Dog, at three; and the Worcester, Glocester, Bristol, and Bath Mails, at five P. M.

Letters are delivered in town, in the morning, from the S. W.; in the forenoon, from London, &c.; and from the North, about four or five o'clock P. M.

"Probably, in no other age or country was there ever such an astonishing display of human ingenuity, as may be found in Birmingham and its vicinity;" and the following list of Articles here manufactured will, I flatter myself, fully justify the eulogium.

Anvils
Augers
Awl Blades
Bayonets
Brass Foundry goods of every kind
Bolts
Bellows
Bells
Bitts and Braces
Bridle Bitts
Bed Screws
Box and Sad Irons
Braziery
Brushes
Buttons, of every kind
Buckles, of ditto
Buckle Chapes
Britannia-metal goods, of every description
Candlesticks, Silver, Plated, Brass, Iron, and Prince's metal, &c.
Cock Founding
Carving and Gilding
Copper Sash Frames
Combs, Ivory, Horn, and Tortoiseshell
Cinder Shovels and Sifters
Carbonades
Clocks and Clock Dials
Cork Screws, common, machine, and patent
Coffin Furniture, white, lacquered, gilt, or black; also of a superior quality in silver, plated, or brass
Coach Springs and Steps
Coach Harness and Furniture
Curry Combs
Chafing Dishes
Cutlery
Cut Glass, &c.
Commode Furniture
Crucibles
Curtain Rings
Cabinet Cases
Copper Sheathing for Vessels, &c.

* There are several other Taverns of great note, and upwards of 500 Public Houses, exclusive of Tea Gardens, &c.

† This Canal serves to supply us with coal from the pits in Staffordshire, pig iron, &c. The boats are long and narrow, and carry from 20 to 30 tons; they are drawn by a single horse, and go at the rate of about two miles an hour.

Compasses
Composition Ornaments
Dies, Punches, &c.
Edge Tools, of every description
Fire Irons
Fenders
Fancy Articles, in gold, silver, steel, gilt, plated, &c.
Fish Hooks
Files, Rasps, &c.—See Plate, No. 12.
Filligree Work
Frying Pans
Glass Pinching
Gimblets
Gridirons
Gold Beating
Gold Watch Hands and Pendants
Guns and Pistols.*
Gun Locks, and every article connected with the Gun and Pistol Manufactures.
Hatchets
Helmets
Hauberks
Hammers
Hinges
Italian Irons
Iron Foundry
Ink-stands
Jewellery, in all its branches
Japanned Goods, of every kind
Jews' Harps
Lamps, Agitable and for Carriages
Locks, of every denomination
Links
Latches
Latchets
Mathematical and Optical Instruments
Medals, in Gold, Silver, Bronzed, or Imperial Metal
Mills for Malt, Coffee, Barley, Peas, Beans, Oats, &c.
Military Ornaments & Accoutrements
Nippers, Nutcracks, Pincers, Plyers, &c.
Needles
Nails and Tacks
Ornaments in Alabaster, Spar, Petrifactions, &c.
Pearl and Hair Work
Patent Copying Machines, &c.
Portable Writing-Desks
Pencils
Pikes
Plated Goods
Pinking Irons
Pocket Books
Pots, Kettles, Saucepans, &c. of cast or wrought Iron, &c. &c.
Picture Frames
Patten Ties, Patten Rings, &c.
Pins, of all descriptions
Planes
Pewter Goods, of every kind
Rules, of Box, Ivory, &c.
Rolled Metals
Snuffers
Saws
Shagreen Cases
Sp ons
Spectacles
Swords, of a superior quality. — See Plates V. and K.
Spades and Shovels, Scythes, Sickles, Shears, &c.
Steel Toys & Trinkets of every kind
Saddlery
Saddlers' Ironmongery, &c.
Scales, Scale Beams, and Steel-yards
Stamps, Lathes, Presses, and Engines, of every description

* In 1796 his Majesty's Honorable Board of Ordnance, in order to save time, and get more Arms, established an Ordnance Office here, for proving Musket Barrels, and viewing materials for them in setting up: experienced View-Masters were sent down from the Tower, and Government were soon aware of the amazing advantages accruing to the State by having them proved on the spot; (as formerly, all were sent up to London for that purpose). The iron and fuel, and every materi' for welding Gun Barrels, being had in the neighbourhood, Birmingham, of course, must be able to produce excellent Muskets, and at a cheaper rate than any other place in the kingdom. There were, upon an average, 4,200 muskets examined and set up every month at the Ordnance Office for the use of Government, exclusive of those proved and finished by the rest of the eminent Gunmakers in Birmingham, for home consumption and exportation. See plates E, K, V, N 4, and VIII. in the Magnificent Directory.

Steam Engines, from 20 to 200 horse power
Slit Iron Rods
Spurs, Stirrups, &c.
Tin Goods, of all kinds
Thimbles, in Gold, Silver, Steel, Enamel, Brass, &c.
Traps
Turnery, in Ivory, Bone, Wood, &c.
Type Foundry,—See Plate F.
Tire, of all kinds
Tortoiseshell, Ivory, Amber, Paper or Leather Boxes
Tea and Coffee Urns Silver, Plated, or Bronzed
Umbrellas, Umbrella Furniture, Parasols, &c.
Watch Glasses
Weights and Measures
Whips, of every denomination
Watch Chains, Seals, Keys, Trinkets, &c
Watch and Clock-Makers' Tools
Wire, and Wire-Working in general

Independent of the above enumeration, a great variety of new manufactures have lately been introduced.—Of these, the extensive China Works, and the Oxygen, Oil of Vitriol, and Aqua Fortis Laboratories, on an extended scale, claim particular notice; and the numerous lofty rotundas of the Glass-Houses, must excite the observation of the traveller. Many Calico Looms have recently been set to work here; and since our amiable countrywomen have conferred the smile of approbation on the manufactures of Straw and Chip Hats, those articles have happily furnished employ for many hundreds of industrious females, as also for the indigent orphan children at the Asylum.

The Guns, Swords, Buttons, and general Hardwares of Birmingham are very deservedly in greater repute than those of any other place in the world.

Ten thousand nameless beauties strike the eye,
Form'd from the Anvil or the plastic Die.
Inventions curious, various kinds of Toys,
Engage the time of women, men, and boys,
And Royal Patents here are found in scores
For articles minute—or pond'rous ores.
Whilst orient Pearls, and sparkling Diamonds feel
Their lustre oft outvied by Polish'd Steel!
What though we boast no river's genial source,
And from Old Ocean rocks impede our course?
The lofty mountains yielding to our skill,
We pierce their centres, and the vallies fill;
Direct their springs, construct a Navigation,
To waft our Commerce to each distant nation;
And show, where'er our Patterns are unfurl'd,
In Works of Fancy we outstrip the World!!!

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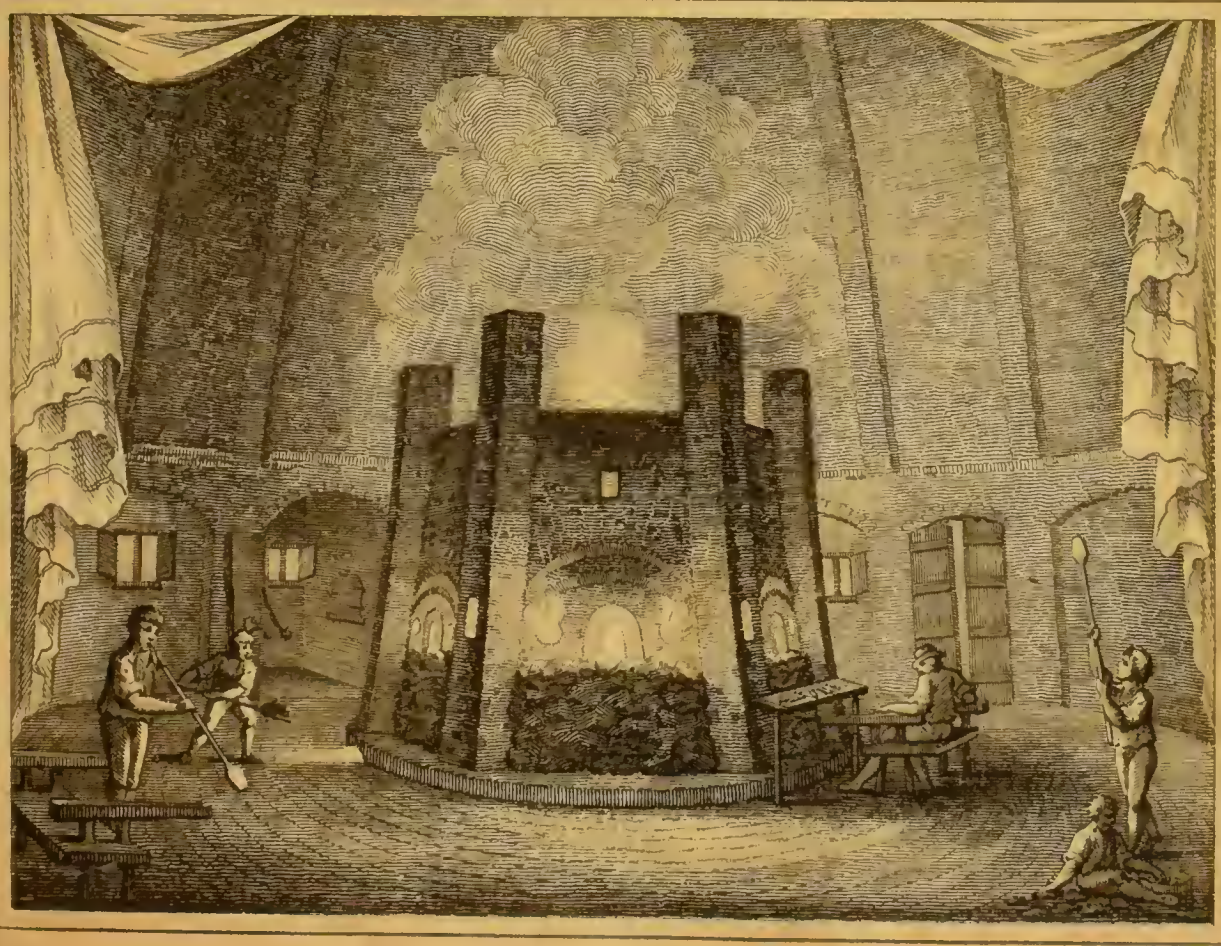

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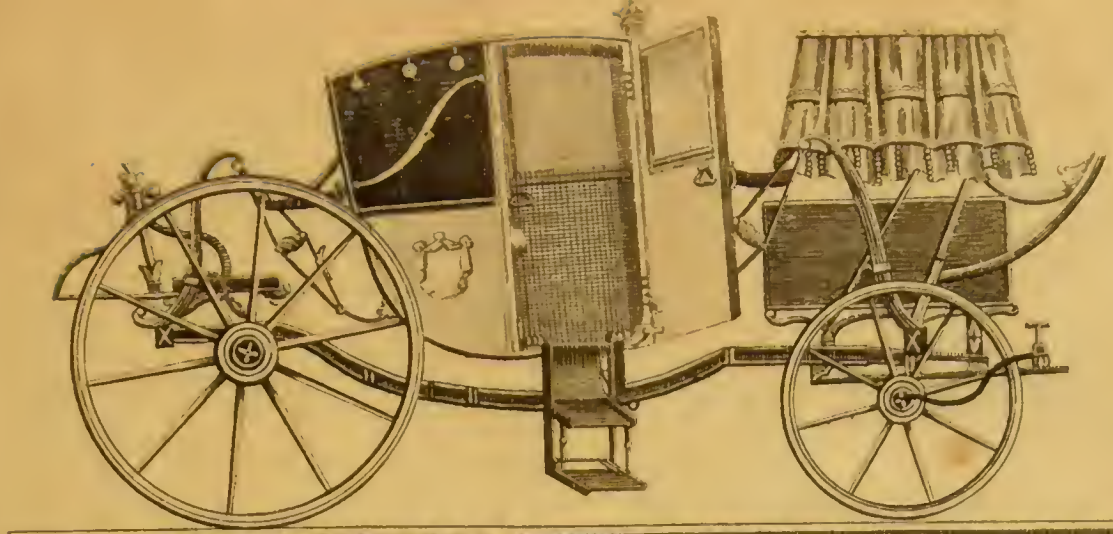

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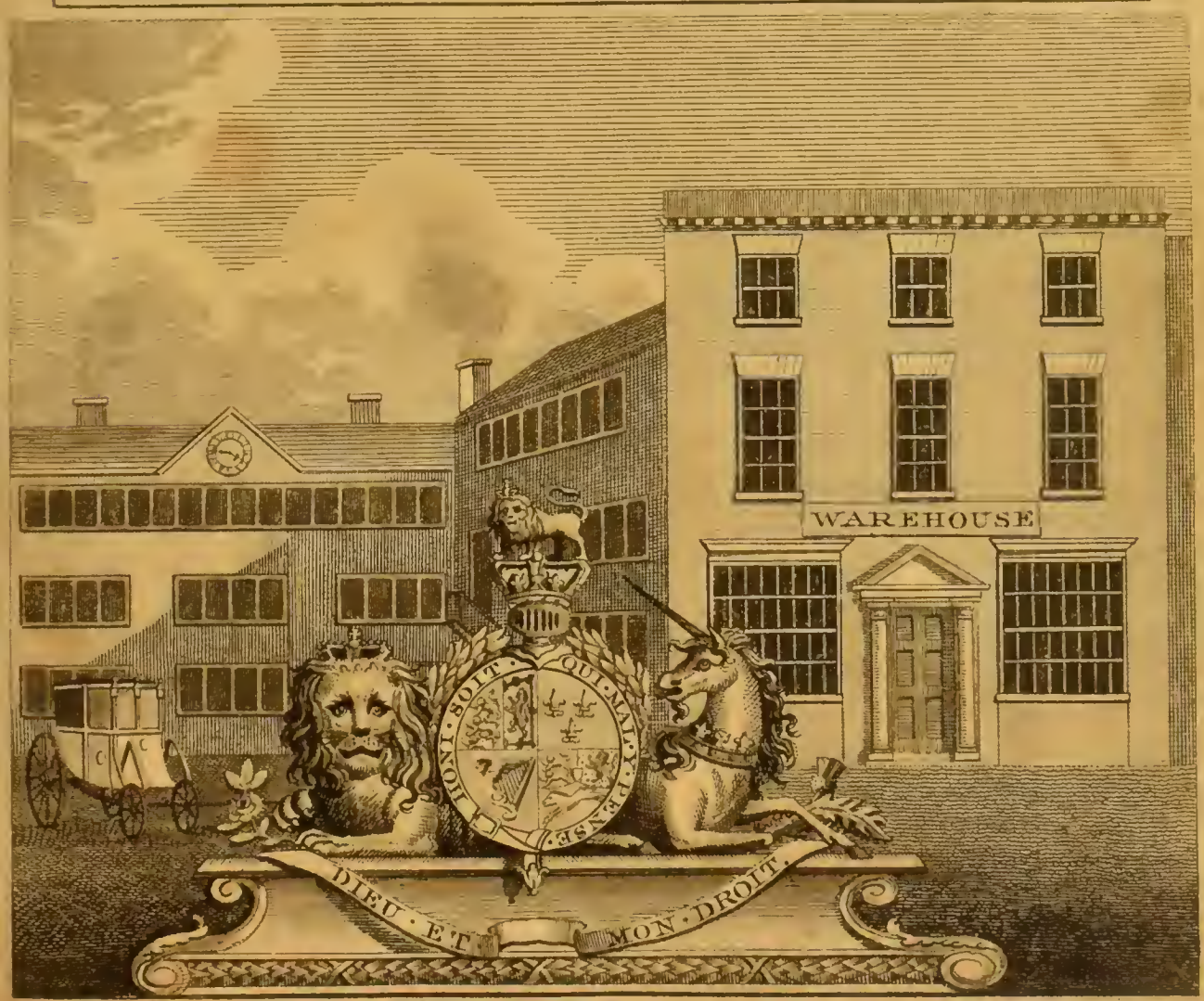

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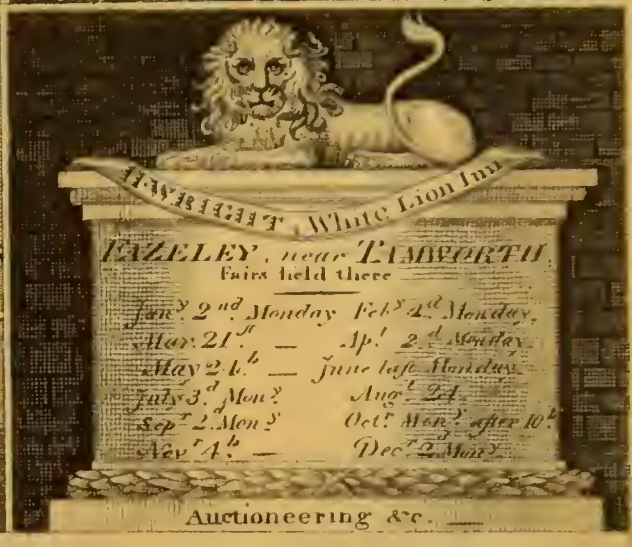

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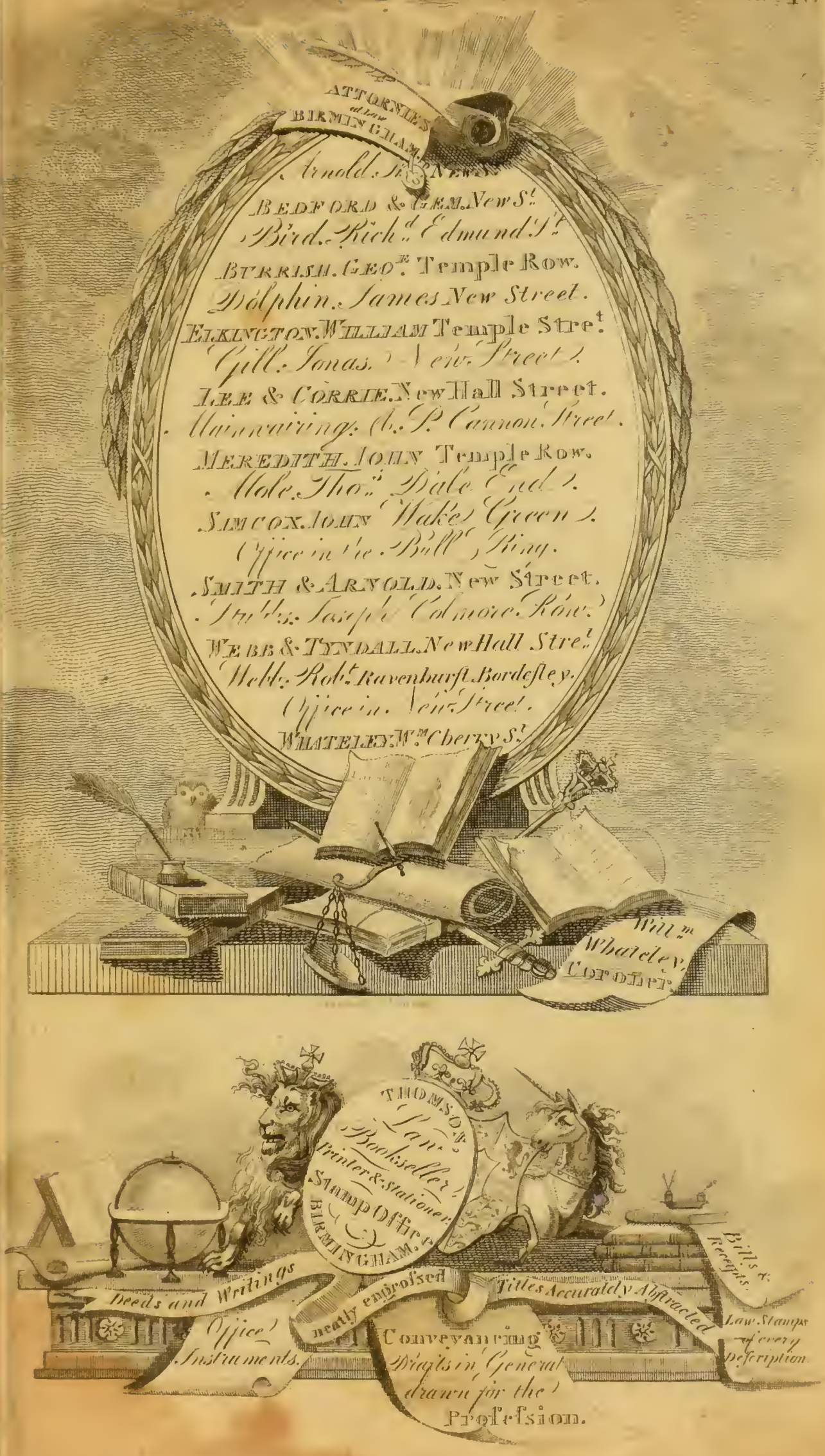
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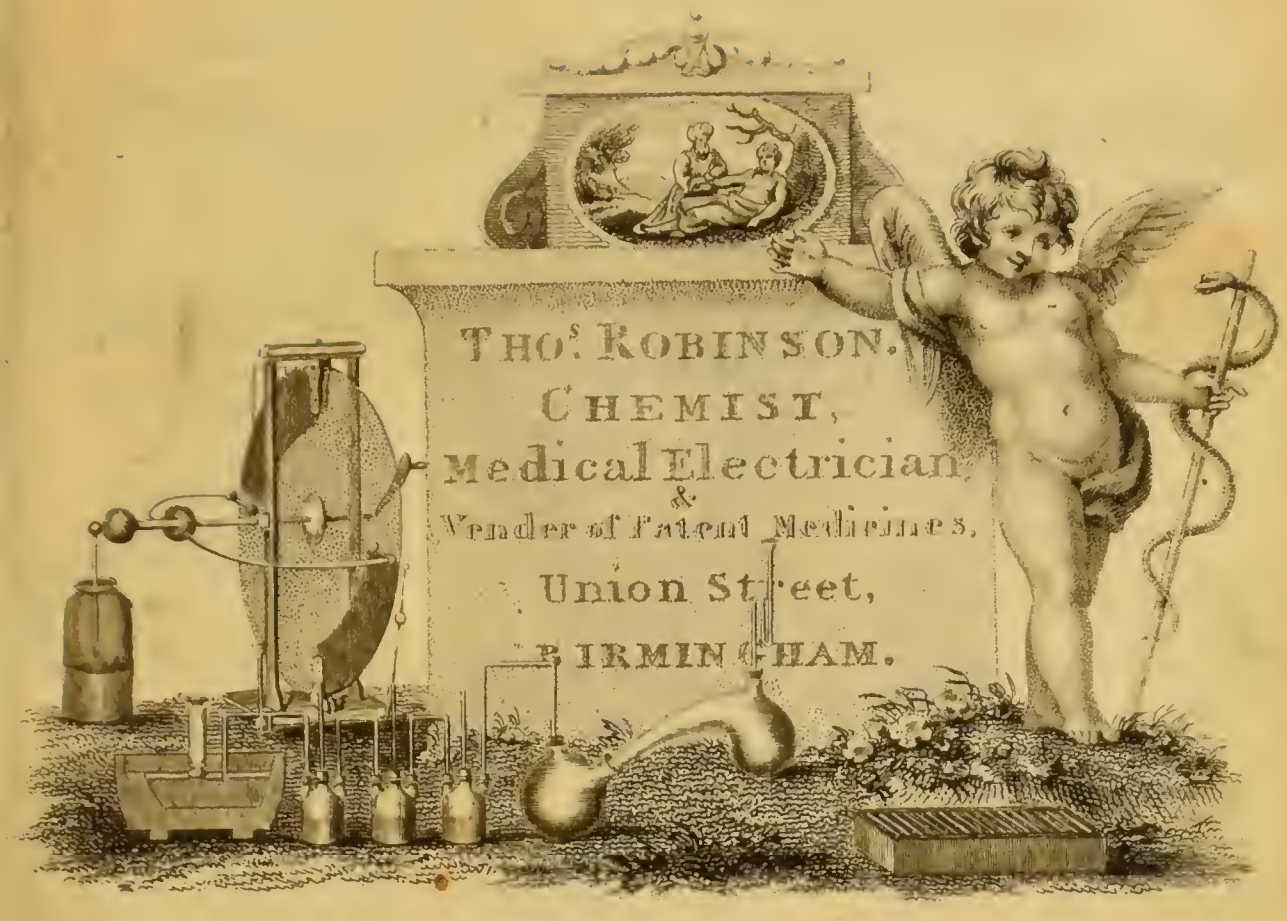

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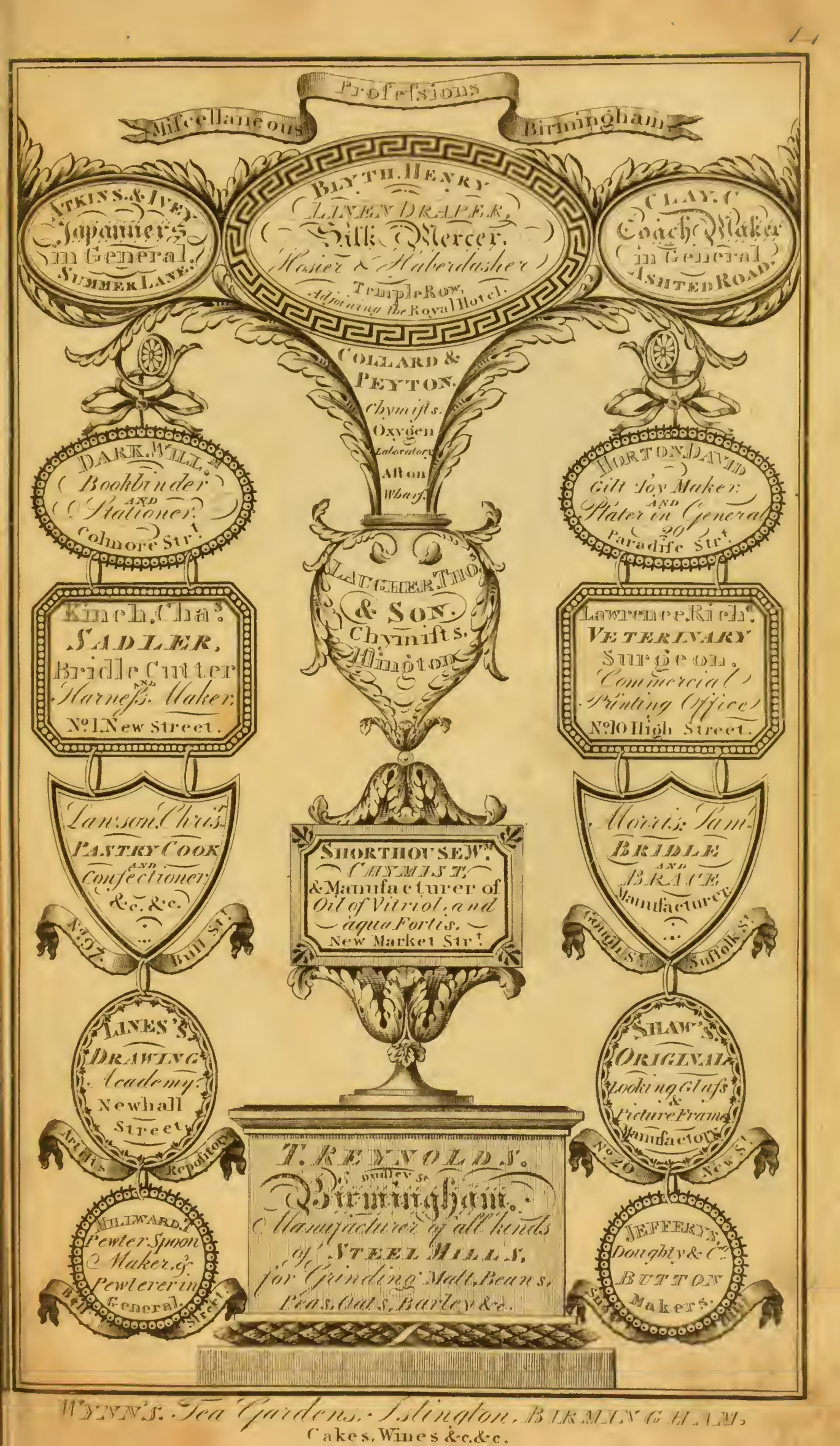

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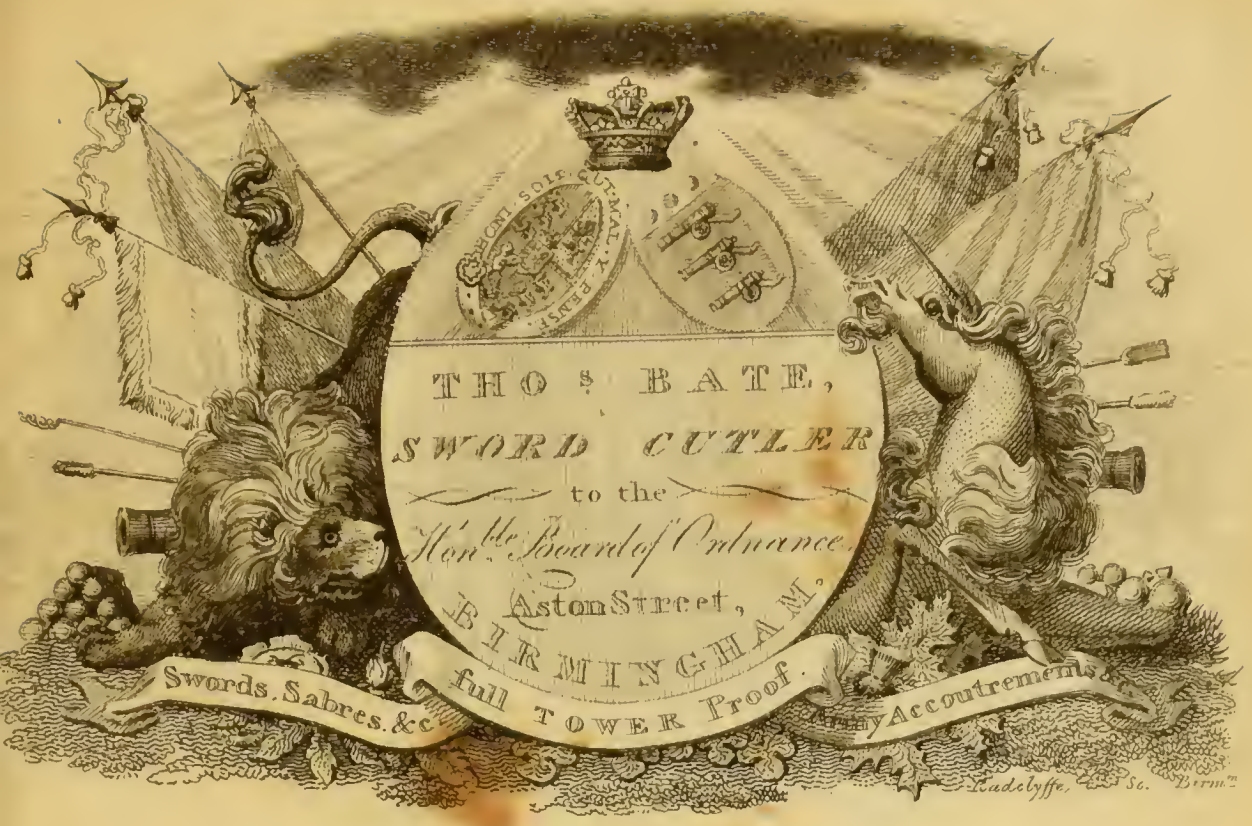

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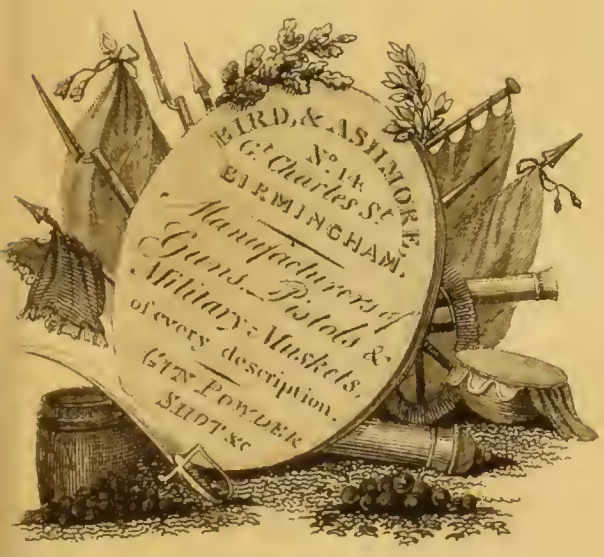

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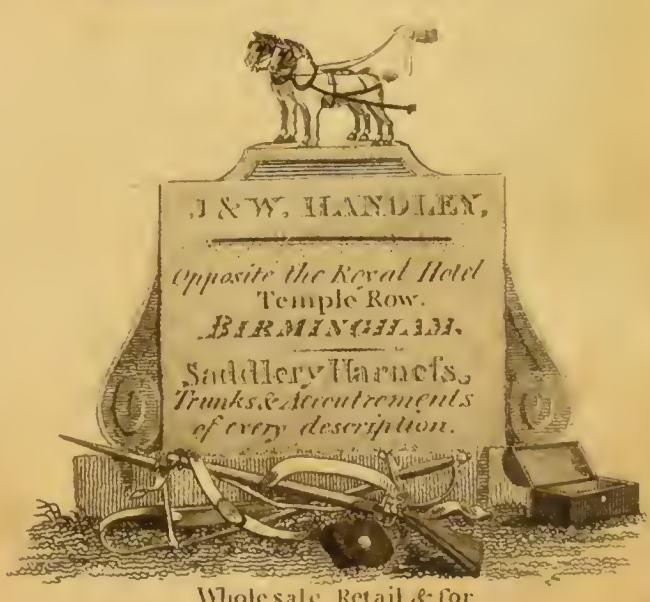

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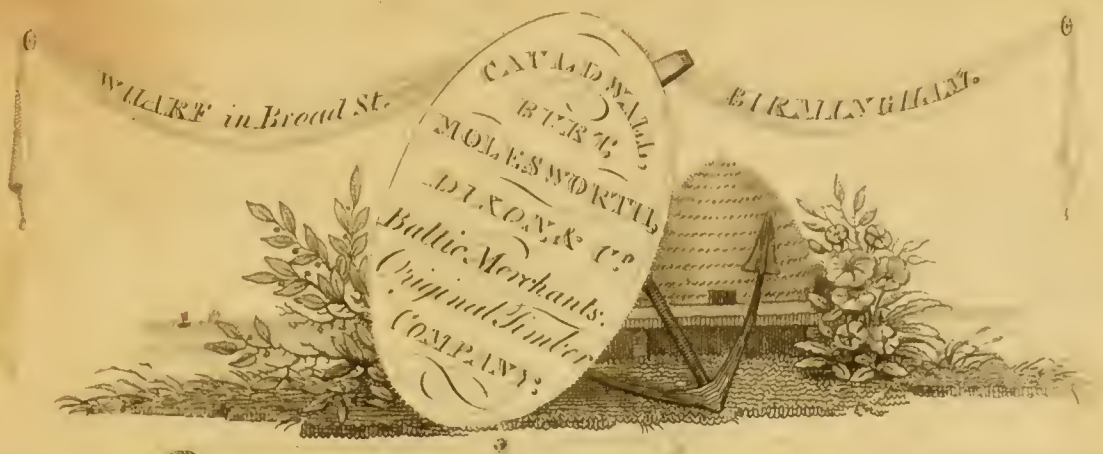

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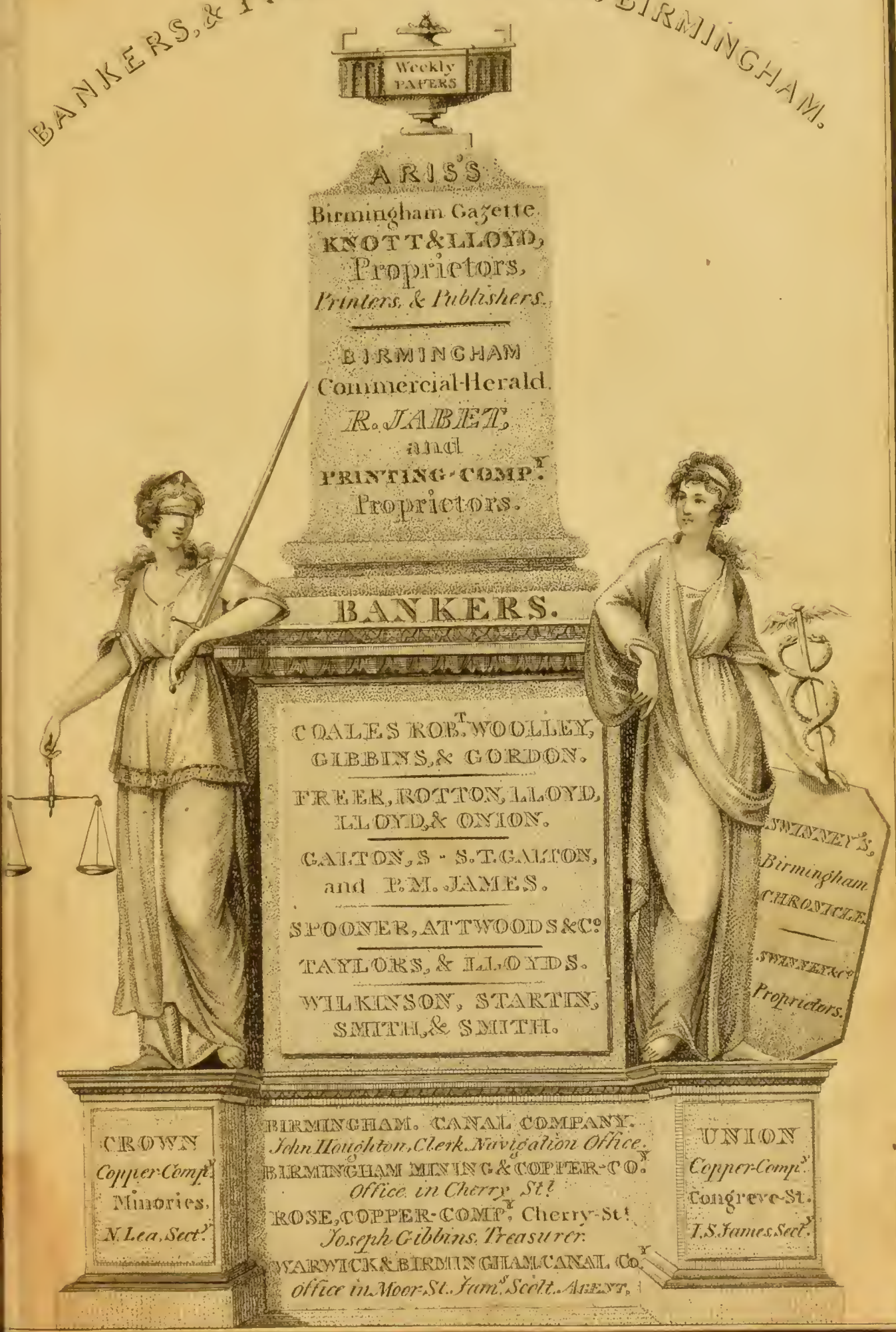

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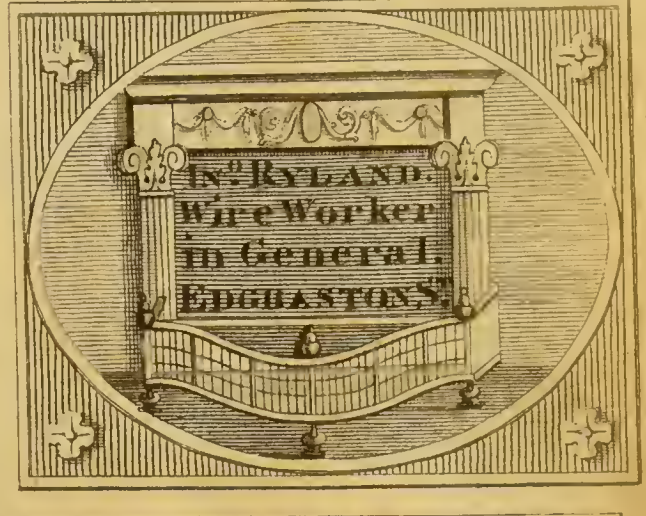

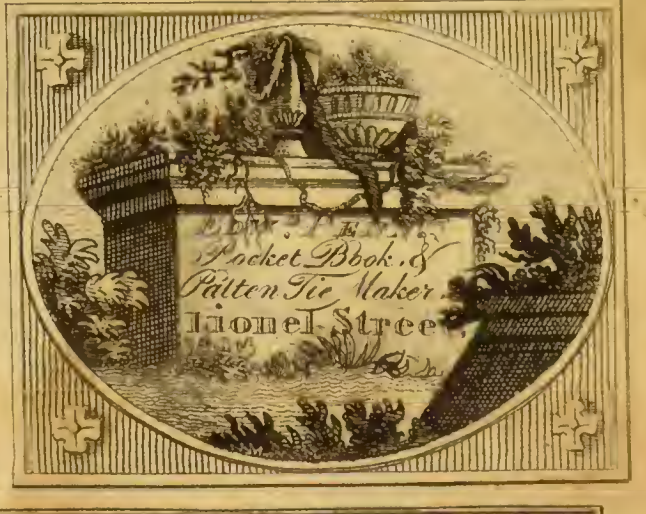

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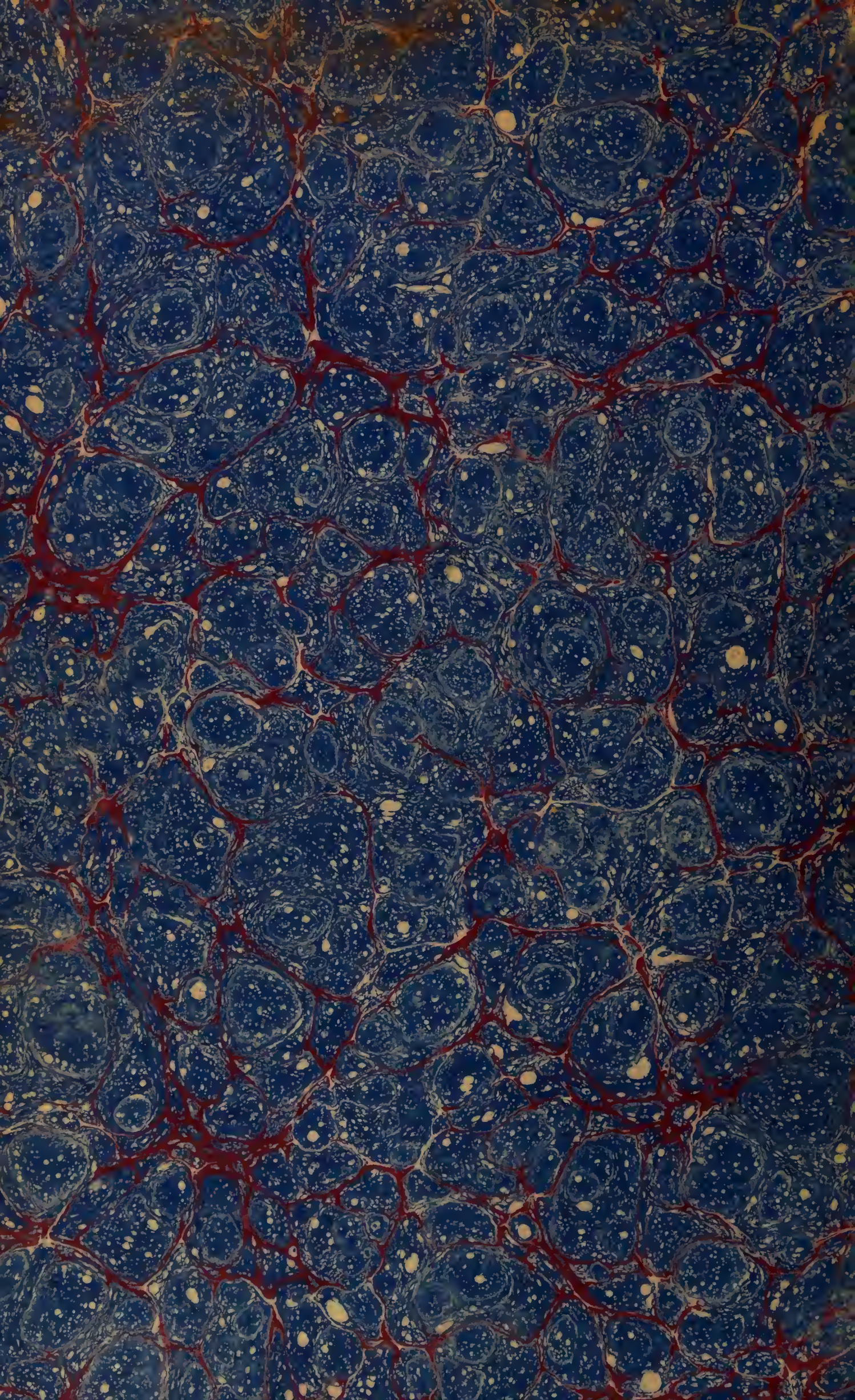
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